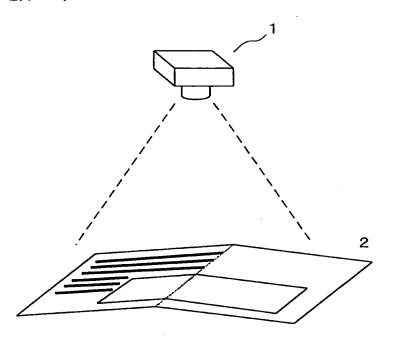
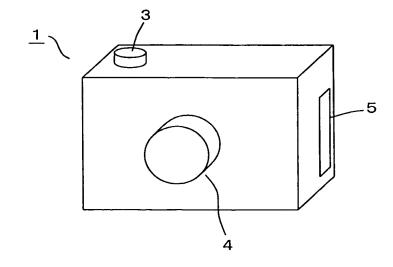
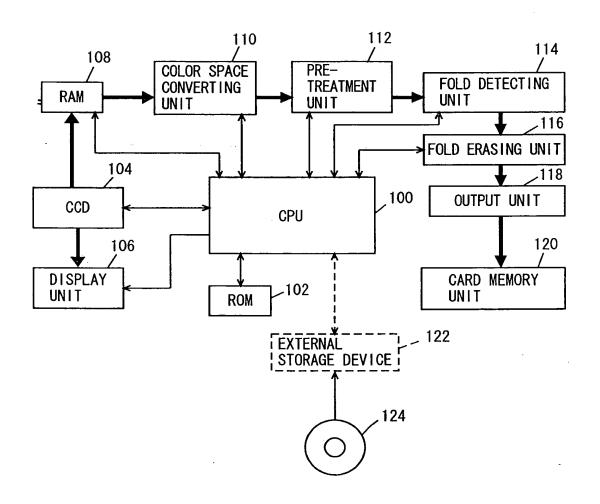
FIG. 1



F I G. 2



F I G. 3



F I G. 4

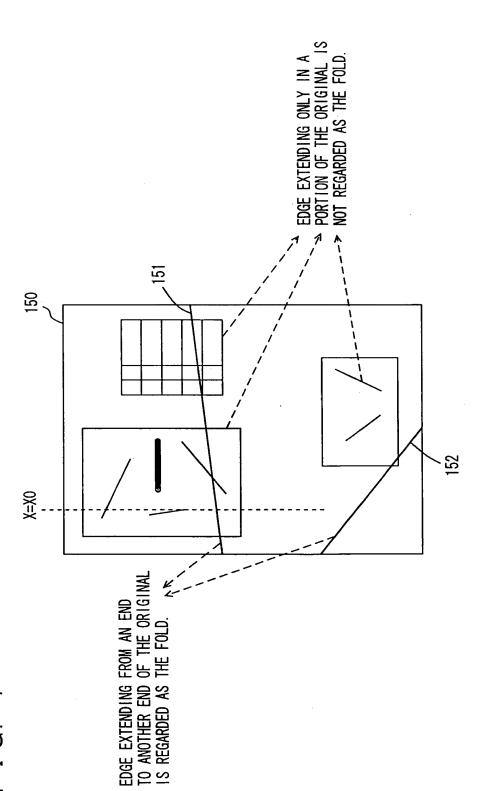
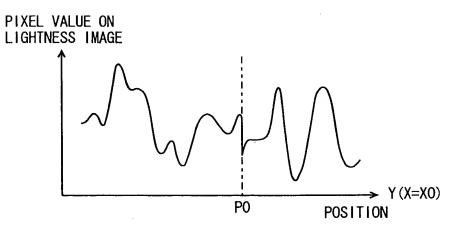
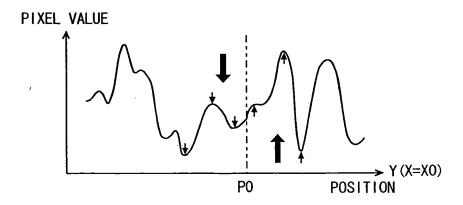


FIG. 5



F I G. 7



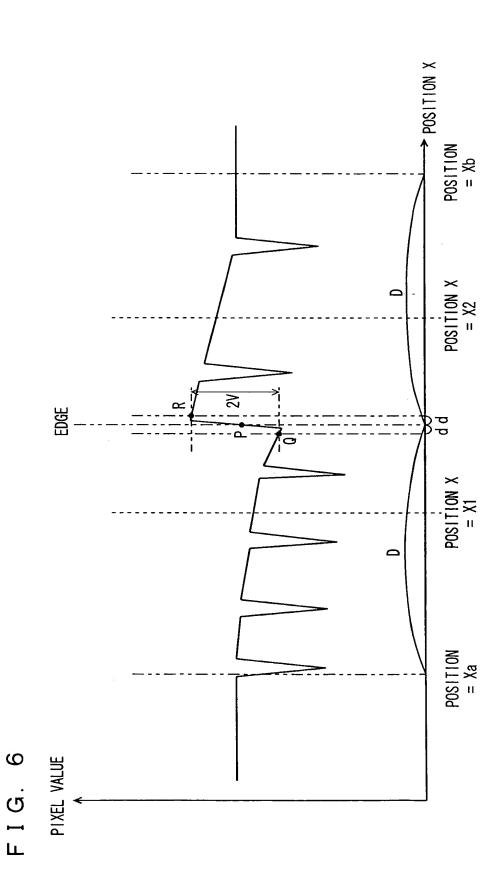
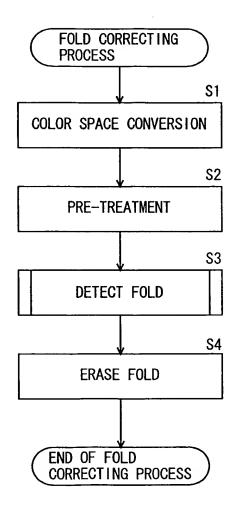


FIG. 8



F I G. 9

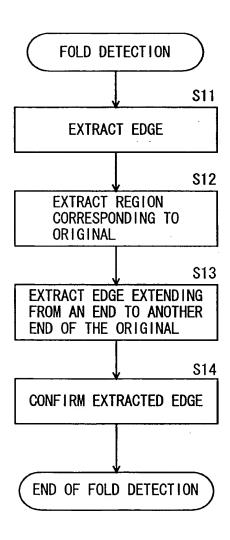
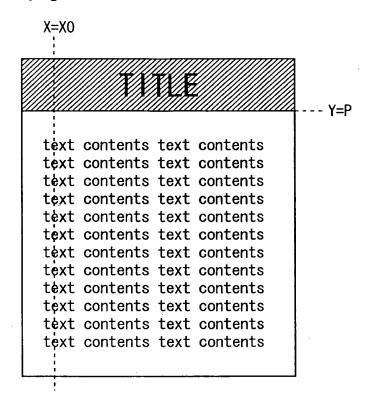
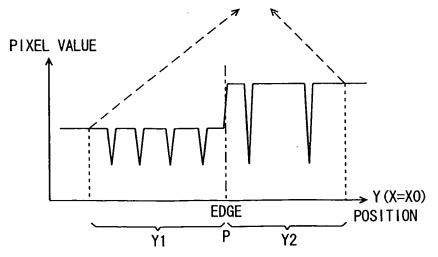


FIG. 10



## FIG. 11

BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE DIFFERENT IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.



## FIG. 12

BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE THE SAME IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.

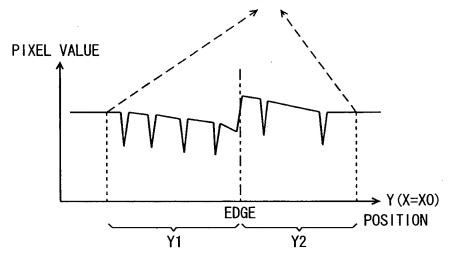
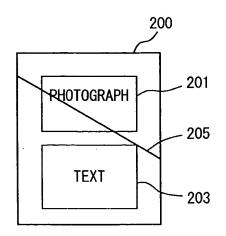
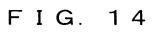


FIG. 13





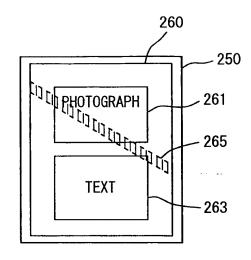


FIG. 15

